## **Introduced by Senator Oller**

February 7, 2003

An act to add Section 8606 to the Elections Code, relating to candidates.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 152, as amended, Oller. Write-in candidates.

Under existing law, a candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated for his or her party nomination at the primary election, is ineligible for nomination as an independent candidate.

This bill would *also* make a person who was defeated for his or her party nomination ineligible to be a write-in candidate unless, not later than the 14th day prior to the date of the election, the nominee of that person's party dies or files a declaration with the appropriate elections official that he or she has terminated his or her candidacy not later than the 14th day prior to the date of the election.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:* 

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8606 is added to the Elections Code, to 2 read:
- 3 8606. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been
- 4 filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is
- 5 defeated for his or her party nomination at the primary election, is

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- 1 ineligible to be a write-in candidate for the office for which he or
- 2 she filed a nomination paper unless, not later than the 14th day
- 3 prior to the date of the election, the nominee of his or her party dies
- 4 or files a declaration with the appropriate elections official that he
- 5 or she has terminated his or her candidacy. not later than the 14th
- 6 day prior to the date of the election.